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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This document is in response to the restriction requirement mailed on February 27, 2002, in which a one month period of response was set, this response being timely filed.

Also filed at this time are preliminary amendments to the claims of the application, the preliminary amendments being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action under 37 C.F.R. 1.104. The preliminary amendments are therefore timely submitted.